

**STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
January 23, 2003  
1651 E. Morten, EMS Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

Michel Sucher, MD (Chairman)  
John Porter, MD  
Nancy Shaver  
Sgt. Rich Thacher  
Dan Judkins  
Sheri Farr Jorden

Charles Frank Allen, MD  
Steve Thompson, MD  
Ingrid Bachtel  
Stuart Alt, MD  
Shelagh O'Connor

**Members Absent:**

Mark Tellier  
Jim Morgan  
Scott Petersen, MD  
David Bank, MD  
Roy L. Ryals  
Michael J. Seby, MD

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Judi Crume  
Susan Nicolas  
Chuck Kramer  
Lorenzo Henry  
Pennie Klein  
Donna Meyer

**Guests Present:**

Leslie Clark  
Roberto Torres  
Tracey Edwards  
Darlene Rodriguez  
Marcia Barry  
Philomene Spadafore

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The chairman, Dr. Sucher, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Alt, seconded by Nancy Shaver to approve the minutes of October 24, 2002 with no corrections. **Motion carried.**

A friendly amendment was approved by Dr. Alt to accept the minutes with one correction on Page 2 line 6 should read the Department of Health Services is in the process of implementing the plan.

**III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

- Dr. Sucher introduced Lorenzo Henry, the Northern Regional Manager. He is now the official contact for STAB and the AZQT Committee
- Pennie Klein will be leaving the Bureau. Her last day will be Tuesday, January 28, 2003
- Catherine Eden has been reappointed as the Director of Health Services
- We are not expecting any further budget cuts within the Department of Health Services this year
- One million dollars of the EMS Operating Fund was used toward the deficit

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**A. Membership Update** – Dr. Sucher reported that there are two vacancies on STAB

- Representative from a Local Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Council – Western Region
- Representative from a National Association of Retired Persons

The paperwork will be started to put Dr. Stewart Hamilton in the category for the Western Region.

- B. EMS Rules Update** – We are in the process of doing a five-year rule review of the Chapter 25 Rules for base hospitals, medical direction, training programs and certification. There have been twelve stakeholder meetings. Recommendations from the advisory committees from 1996 have been included in this discussion with the stakeholders.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. STAB Executive Committee** – The committee did not meet.  
**B. AZTQ Committee** – The committee did not meet.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Trauma System Update** – “Arizona EMS and Trauma System Development and Implementation ADHS-BEMS Status Report to STAB 1-23-03”. A handout was distributed.
- Judi announced that there will be a new Trauma Administrator starting in March
  - AED meeting will be held this afternoon at the Bureau
  - On January 24, 2003 there will be a clinical demonstration of all the FDA approved AEDs
  - At EMS Council Executive Committee’s meeting last week they approved a 10 member task force to look at diversion
    - This is the core group and other consultants will be added as needed
  - There is not enough consistent or aggregate data to talk about Arizona as a system
  - Definite questions are being asked about what data we can provide out of the State Trauma Registry
  - Mike Elly from NEDARC will be here today and tomorrow to do an Arizona review on EMS data collection and use
  - The designation piece has been moved forward to help development on that part of the system
    - A pre-meeting was held yesterday (January 22, 2003) with regional managers
  - The hospital association recommended that the monies from the Proposition 202 Tobacco Tax and Proposition 303 Indian Gaming be used to fully fund the AHCCCS expansion
    - AHCCCS has six months to development rules to implement
- B. Update on Trauma Center Designation**  
Discussion ensued regarding the legislation and the designation process.

Judi Crume will keep STAB informed on any update on legislation.

**C. Injury Prevention**

Pennie Klein distributed and explained an Injury Prevention Flow Chart.

It was recommended that we look at the state numbers, individual center numbers and the history of the individual center numbers and then try to weigh it to decide the severity.

Question was asked whether the state could possibly only give public monies to only those centers that hold certain standards.

Discussion ensued that the delivery of care does not determine the rules of designation.

Pennie Klein stated that she will be leaving her position and thanked the Board for the last two years that she worked for the Bureau.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items for new business.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one came forward.

**IX. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual EMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 19 – 20, 2003.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2003

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Approved by STAB 4/24/03